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MEMORANDUM

To: Early Care and Education Programs

From: Office of Child and Family Services

Date: January 19, 2023

Subject: **Provider Transition Grants & Early Childhood Educator Workforce Salary Supplements**

Congress approved the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (Public Law 117-2) signed into law on March 11, 2021. This included \$14.99 billion in supplemental Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Discretionary Funds. Maine received \$45.7 million of these Federal funds.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) utilized ARPA funding to issue the [Early Childhood Educator Workforce Salary Supplement Program](#) and the [Provider Transition Grants](#) in October 2022 (for September 2022) to licensed child care providers to help stabilize and support child care in Maine.

As previously announced, the Provider Transition Grants will continue for the months of January, February, March and April 2023 and programs will be eligible to receive \$25 per licensed capacity slot. Transition Grants will end after the April payment is issued in May. **Please remember payments received are for the previous month.** For example, the payment received in February is for the month of January.

The Early Childhood Educator Workforce Salary Supplements are ongoing using State General Fund dollars and will not end when the Provider Transition Grants end.

To be eligible:

- Providers must update the [MRTQ registry](#) **AND** the [Early Childhood Educator Workforce Salary Supplement Portal](#) with any staffing changes each month by the deadlines below.
- February 6, 2023, for the month of January 2023.
- March 6th for the month of February 2023.
- April 6th for the month of March.
- May 6th for the month of April.

Reminders;

- If you forget your access code for the [ECE Salary Supplement Wage Portal](#), there is a link to retrieve it on the [log in page](#).

- If there have been no changes to your programs' staff, then you may disregard this reminder.
- If you already registered, you do not need to register again you will continue receiving payments.
- [ECE Salary Supplement Program Guidance and Training](#)